

What is claimed is:

1. A new top for a washing machine basket, the top comprising:
an upper wall; and
5 a reservoir below the upper wall.
2. The top for a washing machine basket of claim 1 wherein the top is plastic.
3. The top for a washing machine basket of claim 1 wherein the reservoir is curved.
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4. The top for a washing machine basket of claim 1 wherein the reservoir may hold water.
5. A washing machine having a self-cleaning basket top, the washing machine
15 comprising:
an inner basket having an upper basket portion;
an outer tub having an upper tub portion;
a motor operatively connected to the inner basket; and
a first top secured to the upper basket portion, the first top including a reservoir and an
20 upper wall.
6. The washing machine of claim 5 further comprising a second top secured to the
upper portion of the outer tub, the second top being formed to deflect water from the
reservoir to the outer tub.
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7. The washing machine of claim 5 wherein the first top is plastic.
8. The washing machine of claim 5 further comprising a water inlet.
- 30 9. The washing machine of claim 8 wherein the water inlet includes a diverter.

10. The washing machine of claim 8 wherein the water inlet is operatively connected in the washing machine to route water into the reservoir.

5 11. The washing machine of claim 5 wherein the reservoir holds water.

12. The washing machine of claim 11 wherein the water in the reservoir is removed when the motor spins the inner basket.

10 13. A method of cleaning the top of a spinner basket in a washing machine, the method comprising:

storing water in a reservoir on an upper portion of a spinner basket top;
extracting the water from the reservoir by spinning the spinner basket; and
collecting the water in an outer tub.

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14. The method of cleaning the top of a spinner basket in a washing machine of claim 13 further comprising:

injecting water into a spinner basket; and
routing a portion of the water into the reservoir.

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15. The method of cleaning the top of a spinner basket of claim 13 wherein the water from the reservoir is collected in the outer tub after being routed to the outer tub by an outer tub top.

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